

FIGHTING HARD TO SAVE LONDON

Defense Presents Its Case, Declaring Merchant Did Not Know of Traffic.

VERDICT COMES TO-MORROW

Son of Accused Man Takes the Stand and Makes Good Witness.

Upon the credibility of certain witnesses will hang the fate of S. J. London, the Main Street furniture dealer, on trial in the Hustings Court for selling cocaine, and generally suspected of being the long-sought "dope king" of Richmond. In the face of the damaging testimony of the city's detectives, who caught London with a bottle of cocaine in one pocket and the money secured from the sale of a bottle in another, the merchant himself took the stand yesterday morning and declared that the business was not his, that the cocaine traffic was conducted in his store by his clerk, McDermott, or McDermott, as he now calls himself, that he delivered the package and the money as a favor to McDermott, without knowing the contents or realizing that he was doing anything illegal.

Altogether the day was favorable to the defense. London's son, who is at times a bookkeeper for the furniture dealer, stated that though a clerk in the store, with access to all papers and accounts, he had no knowledge of the cocaine business going on there. He corroborated his father's story. Both sides rested their cases, and the lawyers submitted their drafts of instructions to Judge Witt, who will charge the jury to-morrow morning. Argument by counsel will follow, and the prisoner should know his fate by midday on Monday, unless the jury should disagree as to which class of witnesses are most credible.

McDermott on Stand.

Edward McDermott, clerk in the instant house, resumed the witness chair at the opening of yesterday's session, and through Mr. Folkes did not shake his main statement that the cocaine business conducted at London's store for several months belonged to him and was run without the proprietor's knowledge, the attorney for the Commonwealth did manage to arouse considerable doubt of the credibility of this witness, sometimes "up" or "down" McDermott, and always known to the police. The witness took considerable exception to questions along this line, declaring that he had never been in trouble with the police before except for fighting.

He stated that he had at various times sold cocaine to Joe Bland and George Gates, both colored. He intimated that Bland had a retail cocaine business of his own in Seventeenth Street, and bought his supply from him (McDermott) in one of the packages. In the opinion of the witness, the fact that he sometimes sold at retail himself soured Bland who then did the "dirty trick" of putting the police on to the business being conducted in the furniture store. A search by the detectives of the city for the past two days has failed to locate Bland, who, although much wanted, has effectively disappeared.

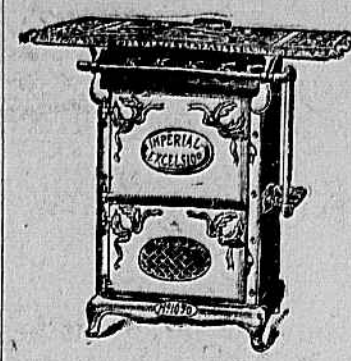
Young London Testifies.

Louis M. London, a seventeen-year-old son of the alleged "dope king," a student at the Medical College of Virginia, who, in his spare time, assisted in keeping his father's books, proved a good witness for the defense.

Young London testified that he was in the store when McDermott gave London the package, and asked him to deliver it to Joe Bland if he came or sent for it. McDermott placed the three packages in the drawer of his desk all of them being wrapped up. The witness said that neither he nor his father had any idea what they contained. On Friday morning witness was present when Charlie Harris entered the store and gave London \$4, asking him to place it on Bland's account. The negro then asked for a package for Bland, and after getting it, went out. Later Willie Goings came into the store and asked for McDermott. He was not in, and Mr. London offered to wait on him, finally telling the negro to come back in ten minutes. London wrote Willie Goings' name on a slip of paper after which he went out. After both negroes had left, Harris with the package McDermott had told the merchant to give him, London looked in a drawer in the office and saw some other packages. He took up one of them, being asked what it was. Young London said he did not know, and after opening it found it to be cocaine, from the label on the bottle. "My," said the elder London, "McDermott should not have left that stuff here."

London put the package in the drawer of his own desk, and a few moments later the detectives entered, with Harris, and charged him with selling the poison to the negro. London was asked for the \$4, which he turned over to the detectives, with the two selected fruits, which are taken as evidence to show the account run by the negro Bland. They indicated that on February 7th Bland had been

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credited with \$1 in the handwriting of the elder London.

Merchant Tells Story.

Eight witnesses testified to the good opinion they had held for years of London's integrity. The merchant then took the witness chair in his own defense, telling practically the same story as that outlined by his son and by his clerk, McDermott, or McDermott, as London denied positively any knowledge of the cocaine traffic in his store, and also denied that he had shared in its profits.

The Commonwealth placed on the stand in rebuttal, Mr. Alfred B. Williams, editor of the New Leader, Captain of Detectives Alex. M. Tomlinson, and Detective Sergeant Forrest Bailey. Mr. Williams told of a visit he had

had from McDermott a few hours after the publication of the proceedings of the preliminary hearing in the Police Court. McDermott objected to some of the statements made, and told him at this time that he had not confessed in the Police Court, evading a direct question as to his guilt.

Captain Tomlinson swore that the reputation of McDermott or McDermott was bad. Witness had known him for a number of years, as McDermott, but had never heard him called McDermott until his arrest.

Detective Bailey told again of the arrest of London, and the taking from him of the \$4 paid him by Harris for a bottle of cocaine.

HOBBO'S PLIGHT

Found Bunk All Right, But Man Was in It.

Like most traveling men, Charles W. Hobbo, the happy-go-lucky, making himself at home, being caught in the suburbs about bedtime on Friday night, and not having the where-withal for hotel accommodation, he called in the caboose of a Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac freight train and took charge of one of the bunks. Unfortunately, however, there were only one bunk for the crew. Detective J. S. Dunnigan was called in and escorted the self-invited guest along. He spent the remainder of the night at the expense of the county in the Twenty-second Street hospital. Warden told Magistrate Lewis yesterday morning that he was the representative of an art company, but from his person he might just as easily have passed himself off for a hard-core drummer or a walking warbler. There were two pairs of scissors, four knives, a razor and other appurtenances of the tonsorial profession.

Notwithstanding this array of property, the prisoner was held to be without the price of lodging on the caboose car, placed by "Squire" Lewis at \$2.50, and he will partake of the county menu for some days yet.

BANK PROBLEMS

Able Debate Conducted at Big Meeting Held Last Night.

The Richmond Chapter of the American Institute of Banking met Friday night at the Hotel Richmond with the largest attendance the local organization has yet had. Mr. W. W. Neale, president of the chapter, presided. Mr. H. G. Proctor, occupying the secretary's desk.

George J. Seay, of the firm of Scott & Stringfellow, was elected an honorary member. An able debate was held on the question, "Resolved, That it would be to the advantage of the best interests of Richmond to have this made a reserve city."

The argument in the affirmative was conducted by Mr. Howard Bates, of the National Bank of Virginia, and Mr. Archer, of the Planters Bank. The negative side was taken by Mr. H. G. Proctor, of the National Bank of Virginia, and Mr. C. V. Blackburn, of the Planters Bank. The judges were Messrs. R. L. Gordon, of the Planters Bank, George W. Warren, of Dataforth & Company, and W. L. Walter, of the Commonwealth Bank. The contest was decided in the negative.

Meeting Out Justice. On the charge of stealing a watch and \$1 in cash from Mr. James Phillips, Robert Hubbard, a negro boy, was yesterday morning sentenced by Justice Crutchfield to three years in the colored Reformatory.

Felix Smith, who was sentenced to a jail term the day before, received another sentence of four months yesterday morning for entering a house and stealing some tools. Benjamin Gray is also an addition to the roster of the jail. He is charged with having helped to steal 35 worth of copper bolts and Potomac Railroad.

ELLYSON CALLS STATE COMMITTEE

Will Meet in Richmond on March 24th to Fix Time and Place for Convention.

BODY MAY INDOSE BRYAN

Convention Likely to Meet Here in May, Though Other Cities Want It.

Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson yesterday issued a call for a meeting of the Democratic State Committee, to be held at Murphy's Hotel, on Tuesday evening, March 24th, at 8 o'clock, to fix a time and place for holding the national convention, which meets in Denver, Colo., on July 7th.

Every indication points to a large attendance, as Mr. Bryan will address the Legislature on the following night in the City Auditorium, and many, if not all, the members will desire to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear him. The city will be crowded with politicians and Democratic leaders. The Legislature will have returned to take up the question of removing Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, and with the State committee and the party men who will come to hear Mr. Bryan the Democrats will storm the fort and take charge of the city. Mr. Ellyson is desirous of having a full attendance of members of the committee, and he called the body on the 24th so as to make sure of this.

Will Meet in May. It looks as if the meeting will be entirely harmonious. Though there is but little business to be transacted, it is of much importance.

Indications are that the convention will be held some time in May, in this city, though Roanoke, Norfolk and Lynchburg will probably ask for the honor of entertaining the body. It is not known that a Bryan resolution will be sprung in the committee, but if one is offered, it will very probably go through. This matter will certainly come up in the convention, and a resolution either endorsing the Nebraska or instructing the delegation for him will be adopted.

Deep down in their hearts some of the leaders of the Bryan movement are again, but it pinned down by the great masses, tenderly referred to by the politicians on the stump as the "rank and file" of the party, they will vote the mark and vote for either endorsement or instructions.

The chief business of the convention will be to elect delegates and alternate delegates to Denver; electors to be voted for in the November election; a member of the national committee; a State chairman, and a new State committee. The business of the body will probably be disposed of in one day.

DELEGATES ELECTED TO GO TO CLEVELAND

Virginia Commandery Military Order of Foreign Wars Acts.

The Virginia Commandery of the Military Order of Foreign Wars met yesterday at the offices of Mr. Charles U. Williams, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the meeting of the General Commandery, which is to be held in Cleveland, O., on May 6th. The occasion will be one of unusual interest, and the Order's commandery is preparing to entertain their distinguished guests in a royal manner. Nearly all the army and navy officers of the United States, as well as a great many of the officers of the State line, who served in the Spanish War, are enthusiastic members of the New York Commandery.

Patriotic Objects.

The institution, as its name implies, is a military order with patriotic objects, and covers the period of American history since national independence, and the principles of national defense against foreign aggression.

The order was founded fourteen years ago in New York, and it has spread throughout the United States. State commanderies have been organized in nearly all the States. The rapid growth of its present position is attracting attention throughout the country, and has brought within its ranks more noted men in proportion to its membership than can be found in any other similar society. Its principal objects are the perpetuation of the names, as well as the services, of commissioned officers who served in either the War of the Revolution, the War with Tripoli, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, or the War with Spain, and the conferring of companionships upon such officers, or their direct lineal descendants, in the event of their death. They shall be selected for the honor by the order. The veteran officers of any of these wars are eligible as veteran companions. Each hereditary companion has the same surname as the officer he represents in the order.

At a meeting held in Richmond yesterday the following were selected as delegates to the Cleveland meeting: Hon. James Alston Cabell, Captain Charles U. Williams, Mr. Willis B. Smith, Major William Hancock Clark and Dr. George Ben Johnston. Alternates—Mr. William DeH. Washington, Major Henry C. Cabell, Mr. Edmund Pendleton, Mr. Royal E. Cabell and Mr. Peyton R. Carrington.

An adjourned meeting will be held to-morrow at 11 o'clock at the office of Mr. Cabell for the purpose of passing upon applications for membership and some other business.

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CHEMISTS' CLUB MEETS

Interesting and Important Papers Read at Session Held at Mechanics' Institute on Friday Night.

The Virginia Chemists' Club held its monthly meeting at the Mechanics' Institute on Friday night. There was a good attendance of members, and after the routine business was completed two very able papers were presented. The library committee announced that the proceedings for the first year of the club's existence would soon be printed and ready for distribution.

Sulphuric Acid.

The first paper of the evening was by Mr. A. M. Forrester, his subject being "The Concentration of Sulphuric Acid in Practice." Mr. Forrester said in part:

"Sulphuric acid made in the ordinary or chamber process is comparatively weak, containing from 60 to 65 per cent. pure sulphuric acid. For several uses, such as in the manufacture of acid phosphate fertilizer, this is sufficiently strong, but in many industries, such as nitrocellulose manufacture, oil refining, dye making, it is necessary to have the highest possible strength. The new 'catalytic' process, which is capable of making sulphuric acid of 95 to 98 per cent. strength in one operation, has stimulated the improvement of existing systems of concentrating the weak acid made by the chamber process."

The various systems were then described in detail, beginning with the earliest known glass retorts. These were subject to frequent breakages, which caused loss and nuisance from the fumes. Platinum, although strong, but in many instances, such as nitrocellulose manufacture, oil refining, dye making, it is necessary to have the highest possible strength. The new 'catalytic' process, which is capable of making sulphuric acid of 95 to 98 per cent. strength in one operation, has stimulated the improvement of existing systems of concentrating the weak acid made by the chamber process."

Platinum, however, steadily increased in favor, and one such system was fully described. Its advantages and disadvantages receiving due attention. This plant was started out about four tons per day of 93 to 95 per cent. strength acid. The last process to be considered was that invented by Kessler of Clairmont-France. The principle was new, hot dry air being bubbled through a thin layer of the acid contained in the apparatus, which was made of a volcanic stone called "volcanic" found in Auvergne, France. The gas producer, saturator, recuperator, inspirator to produce the draft, and scrubber to remove the fume were described in turn by diagram and sketch.

A plant making eight tons of 93 to 95 per cent. acid per day cost about \$5,000, takes up little room, works continuously, and will take weak chamber acid without any preliminary treatment. It does not require such close attention as a platinum system, gives off no fume, and utilizes the heat to the best advantage.

Fluidity and Viscosity.

Dr. Eugene Bingham read a paper upon the relation between fluidity and viscosity, as worked out with his assistants at Richmond College. The viscosity of a liquid is measured by the resistance which the liquid offers to the motion of any object through the liquid. Experiments performed by Dr. Bingham led him to believe that viscosity is analogous to what is termed "resistance" in the case of electrical flow. This belief leads to important results. Conductance is the reciprocal of resistance. If one wishes to get the resistance of conductors in parallel conductors may be added together, but not resistances. Fluidity bears a similar relation to viscosity. Hence fluidities may be added, but not viscosities.

The importance of this conclusion is apparent. Viscosity tests play an important part practically in the testing of oils and other liquids capable of adulteration. They will be yet more important when the values found may be related together simply. Theoretically the viscosity of liquids has heretofore played an unimportant role apparently because of a misapprehension as to its nature.

Dr. Bingham showed that in about 100 cases of experiments the above principle was verified, and the results made entirely intelligible. Furthermore, the application of the above principle leads to a simple algebraical equation, which will represent all of the data found by experiment in near-

TRYING TO FIND BROTHER

Mr. Charles Miller Offers \$25 for Information Concerning Mr. Charles Leonard.

Still greatly concerned over the disappearance of her brother, Mr. Charles Leonard, of Henrico county, Mrs. Charles Miller has offered a reward of \$25 for any information that may lead to discovery of his body.

Sent on for Forgery.

Arthur Stamp (colored), sixteen years of age, was in Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of forging the name of Mr. H. Whitlock, his employer, to a check for \$18.43 and attempting to pass it on the Planters' National Bank. He was sent on to the grand jury.

Mayor McCarthy to Speak.

Mayor Carlton McCarthy will deliver an address to-morrow night at 8:15 o'clock before the Men's League of the First Baptist Church, taking as his subject, "In Him Was Life and the Life Was the Light of Men." The meeting will be held in the parlor of the church, and all men of the city are cordially invited to attend. Mr. G. Carrington Mosley will sing.

Bankruptcy Case.

In the bankruptcy proceedings of Lindsey vs. the Valley Redoubt Company, Sheriff Kemp, of Henrico, has been enjoined against acting in the fieri facias proceedings of the Law and Equity Court. The injunction also restrains Constable Samuel and Mr. Hill Montague from taking any action in the case except through the United States Court. The amount involved is \$128.65.

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WEEK IN THE CITY HALL

Number of Committees Will Meet To-morrow Night.

Six committees will meet to-morrow night, making the third week of the busy week of industry. The schedule follows:

Richmond Council U. C. T. Holds Afternoon Session.

Richmond Council, U. C. T., held a meeting at Smithfield Hall at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a large attendance of members. Several candidates were initiated. The council appointed a committee to arrange for a banquet on March 25th. At this meeting a large class of about twenty-five candidates will be initiated. Richmond Council will then have 251 members, an increase of sixty during the year, and will be entitled to an additional office in the Grand Council, which meets in Parkersburg, W. Va., May 13, 14 and 15.

Mr. W. W. Sherard, the secretary of the council, will be elected grand counselor of Kentucky, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia at this session of the Grand Council. This is the highest office in the jurisdiction, and Richmond Council is proud of the honor.

The committee on arrangements for the Grand Council trip has been appointed, and will make a report at the meeting on March 25th.

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